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THE GREAT EMPRESS LINE

Its Fine Steamers May Shortly be
Transferred to This Route.

Canada's Trade Commissioner to Japan Has
Returned and Makes Some Im-
portant Statements.

Hon. George Anderson, special trade commissioner to Japan from the Dominion of Canada, has returned from a two months visit to the land of the Rising Sun, and has been interviewed at length in the Victoria and Vancouver papers.

Speaking of the Empress line of steamers Mr. Anderson believes the time to be near at hand when these will be transferred to the Vancouver Sydney route. If Canada is anxious to capture even a portion of the immense trade which the Antipodes are doing a first class steamship service must be placed at their disposal. That accomplished there is no reason whatever why passengers and mails could not be landed in Sydney in less than 30 days from London, Liverpool or Glasgow. The saving of five days' time means a great deal to business men nowadays. On the Vancouver China Japan route larger and swift-raters will certainly be required and a twice-a-month service established.

The above statement bears out what has previously been noted. The business done by the Empress line of steamers has increased to such a degree that newer, larger and more powerful vessels must be employed to keep up with the traffic. It has already been stated that a fleet of 19 knot steamers on the best Atlantic models has been ordered to take the place of the present boats on the Empress line, and it seems to be regarded in Canadian Pacific circles as settled that the old vessels will be transferred to the Australian route as a matter of course.

Speaking of the trade relations of Japan and the Provinces Mr. Anderson said:

"I do not wish to be optimistic in my views on the trade with the East, but I am confident that a few short years will develop such a commerce that it will open people's eyes. As far as British Columbia is concerned the lines of demand would be for the most part lumber. The immediate demand is exceedingly large, and we are not getting our share. Oregon and Washington are supplying a large amount which British Columbia might easily supply. The Northwest territories and Manitoba can send flour and grain, a great deal of which is now being supplied by Oregon and California. The flour and grain that have already been sent from Canada have been found very satisfactory, but the Japanese are not as well acquainted with Canadian flour and grain as they might and should be. The general feeling in Japan was that trade with Canada would be most beneficial, and there was a general desire for trade extension. In return for the products of Canada the Japanese merchants can send tea, rice, silks, etc. In Japan at present there is a general desire to adopt European customs and imitate the British in dress, food and business habits; in fact in everything. The ladies, however, although the men have long since taken to the British style of dress, refuse to throw aside their picturesque costumes."

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

Plea in Bar Against Henry Smith by
Hamakua Mill Company.

Judge Perry Renders a Decision on Demurrer in
an Ejectment Suit Brought Under
Peculiar Circumstances.

In the ejectment suit of L. N. Koa vs. Neleolani (w) and B. L. Hao, her husband, plaintiffs at torneys, S. K. Kane and J. M. Peopoe, have served notice on defendants that they will move the Court at 9:30 a. m. December 4 for the hearing of the defendants' motion for a new trial. A. S. Humphreys for defendants.

In Judge Perry's Court this morning the petition for the probate of the will of the late Mary E. Luce was taken up, J. M. Monarrat appearing for the petitioner, William Seaborn Luce, and W. A. Henshall for contestants, Beringer Bros. After hearing the testimony of the petitioner, the depositions of Susan Edith Piender and Elizabeth Bourne Waterhouse and argument of counsel, the Court admitted the will to probate, appointed William Seaborn Luce administrator with the will annexed, to act without bonds; he to give the usual notice to creditors and file an inventory within thirty days.

Judge Perry has rendered a decision on demurrer in the ejectment suit of Halea k vs. Kaauiwa n w. Plaintiff brings ejectment for certain land at Paoa, Oahu, alleging that his wife Nua in May, 1891, being at that time seized in fee simple of the land in question, conveyed it to defendant by a deed in which plaintiff joined in consideration of an agreement on defendant's part that she would take care of both with food, fish, clothing and a place to live until both were dead, etc. Plaintiff alleges that defendant entered into possession of the premises in question but has failed to perform the conditions required. Defendant demurs on several grounds, one of which is that the above condition is not a condition subsequent. Judge Perry construes the deed differently and overrules the demurrer.

In the case of Henry Smith vs. Hamakua Mill Company, the defendant by its attorney, Cecil Brown, files a plea in bar, setting up that by reason of a certain decree of the Supreme Court of Hawaii made by Chief Justice Allen in 1871, the claim of Kapehe through Hukini to the estate of Kailikanoa was denied and cancelled, and therefore plaintiff is estopped from setting up any title to the lands in question through the claim of Kapehe. The proceedings had in the matter of the estate of Kailikanoa are referred to and made a part of the plea.

Honolulu Mill is Off.

The new Honolulu machinery was taken by the steamer Hawaii yesterday. It is worthy of note that the shipment weighs 300 tons. No special difficulty was experienced in getting it aboard ship, and it would be an interesting lesson to deep sea mariners to note the ease and promptness with which the little vessel discharged her cargo at the difficult landing near Honolulu. It is generally remarked that island vessels are far ahead of the times in this matter. Foreign ships and steamers fume and kick far more over machinery and other freight of smaller tonnage.

Railroad Engine in Wood.

James Dodd has received a pretty miniature model of a railroad engine in wood, made by H. Voss, a Honolulu boy who is now living in Boston. Accompanying the model is a certificate from the 29th industrial exposition of the Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco, at which the work was awarded a prize.

BRINGS DOWN THE RAIN

Blasting at Pali Floods Nuuanu Valley
With Water.

Mr. Cassidy Discovers That a Few Bombs Will
Fill His Reservoirs—Pumping Plant a
White Elephant.

Blasting at the Pali during the past five months has brought to the head of Nuuanu valley an unprecedented rainfall. There has not been a time since last June when the big reservoirs that feed the pipes of the city have not been filled to overflowing with clear, sparkling water fresh from the mountain tops.

These facts suggest an important conclusion. As Mr. Cassidy said yesterday there will never be an excuse again for dry reservoirs and short water. When the supply gets low the superintendent will simply arm himself with a few bombs, set them off on the Pali and the thing is done. Down will come the rain. If he wants a small shower, a few explosions will be sufficient; but if it is desired to bring a "trash lifter" the number of bombs will be increased.

The scientific reasons for Melbourne's failures in Kansas and other States on the plains do not apply at the Pali. Here the mountains are high and the upper air currents are cool. The moisture condenses quickly and condensation brings it down. By this simple process water to float the rail and can be procured at a very small cost. Some of those following the matter up are inclined to feel that the new pumping station on Beretania street may be a useless enterprise.

MORTUARY REPORT.

Deaths in Honolulu Last Month and
What Caused Them.

The Honolulu death roll for November footed up 51, as against 58 last year and 60 the year before. Of these 36 were males and 15 females. Hawaiians numbered 24, Chinese 12, Portuguese 5, Japanese 4, Americans 2 and other nationalities 4. Nineteen died without any medical attendance, equal to nearly 40 per cent of the whole. Prevailing causes of death were: Heart disease 69, old age 5, unknown 4, consumption, abscess, dropsy and inanition 3 each.

The annual death rate for the month was: Hawaiians 25.04; Asiatics 19.20; all others 15.53.

Another Fowl Farm.

Chris. Conradt is a fancier of fine fowls and is starting quite a bird farm at his residence on Beretania street. Heretofore his experiments have been largely confined to growing Plymouth Rock chickens. He has now decided to extend the line. Twelve fine Houdans have been ordered and will arrive on the Australia. They are smaller than the Plymouth Rock variety and an excellent table fowl.

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THE FREE KINDERGARTENS

Business of Interest and Importance at
Meeting of Supervisors.

Thanksgiving Festivals for Various Schools.
Mrs. Hyde Meets an Old Friend
Abroad—New Salary Scheme.

There was a very satisfactory meeting in monthly session of the Board of Supervisors of the Free Kindergarten Association at Queen Emma Hall this morning. The return of Mrs. C. M. Hyde, president, from a long visit in the Orient, was gratefully noticed in the proceedings. Mrs. Coleman's report as secretary noted one yearly pledge of \$300. Mrs. Swanzy, treasurer, presented a favorable report.

Seventy children attended a Thanksgiving festival of the Chinese kindergarten, to which Mrs. Stetson's mission kindergarten on Hotel street had been invited. Refreshments were provided mostly by the parents, and consisted of rice and salted boiled eggs. The conduct of the children was most excellent. A swing holding three children, donated by Geo. P. Castle to this school, afforded great enjoyment.

The Hawaiian kindergarten babes were guests of the Japanese kindergarten at a Thanksgiving festival. Miss Tarbell gave the Portuguese school an entertainment on her own account which was greatly enjoyed. The Ewa kindergarten had its festival, at which the rice was not only contributed but cooked by the children themselves.

Mrs. Hyde told of her meeting Mrs. Imamishi—formerly Miss Ozawa, who was in charge of the Japanese kindergarten here—in Hongkong. Her husband has taken a position in the Hongkong Specie Bank.

The Foreign kindergarten of Honolulu has 45 children, and all is going well with it.

Mrs. Myers tendered her resignation as chairman of the buildings committee, which was accepted with a resolution of deep regret and high appreciation. Mrs. Wells Peterson was chosen to fill the place.

Mrs. Frear resigned from the publication committee, Miss Caroline Snow being appointed to succeed her.

The resignation of Mrs. T. Rain Walker as third vice president, on account of departure for England, was accepted with extreme regret. She is succeeded by Mrs. W. G. Irwin, expected shortly to return from abroad.

Mrs. Mabel W. Castle reported that the calendar would soon be issued.

At the beginning of the year the new scheme of teachers' salaries, graded according to efficiency and time of service, will come into effect.

Leilani Wish to Build.

The Leilani Boat Club will make a desperate effort in the next few weeks to begin work on their new club house, which will occupy the site just beyond the house of the Healanis. Under the terms of their lease of the place a club house must be started before March. They pay a rental of \$50 a year for the site.

Yes, get the boy a watch. Biarri has just what you want.

MARK JOHNSON BADLY HURT

Falls Down the Hold of the Bark Ire-
dale This Morning.

Breaking His Jaw in Two Places, as Well as
One of His Wrists and a
Finger.

About 10 o'clock this morning Custom House Inspector Mark G. Johnson, who was on duty on the bark Iredale, while walking along the deck near an open hatchway stubbed his toe against some obstruction and lost his balance, falling head foremost into the hold and striking on a pile of iron. Assistance was rendered immediately and the unfortunate young man was soon raised to the deck, where it was found that he had sustained very severe injuries.

At his own request he was taken at once to Dr. Wayson's office, where an examination disclosed that his jaw was broken in two places. One wrist was also fractured and a finger broken.

At the doctor's office the young man was put under chloroform and the broken bones set. Three fingers were dislocated instead of one as at first reported.

After recovering from the effects of the anesthetic he was taken to his home, where he is being especially looked after by his friend and former partner, Customs Inspector Storey.

ESPLANADE ON QUEEN STREET.

Government Will Destroy Buildings
Opposite Honolulu Iron Works.

The iron warehouse opposite the Honolulu Iron Works, occupied by the California Feed Co., and the block of Chinese shops on the Ewa side of it, down to the corner of the old fishmarket lot, will be torn down by the Government at once. The purpose in clearing the place is to give more room to the wharves and the shipping public. On the large square the old customs building is all that will be left standing. The California Feed Co. and other tenants of the doomed houses have been given notice to evacuate not later than next Monday, the 6th.

On account of this change it was necessary for the California Feed Co. to secure other warehouses for their stocks of grain, hay, etc. A deal was made with Larry Dee whereby the company become owners of the lease of the old armory on Beretania street and the property of the City Feed store. The house will be used as a warehouse and distributing depot. O. A. Stevens has been installed as manager of it.

Balloons Go Up.

Tomorrow will be Balloon Day at "Santa Claus' Emporium." Five hundred balloons now being blown up for the little ones.

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